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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE  
SECONDARY BATTERY NEGATIVE  
ELECTRODE MATERIAL, MAKING  
METHOD, AND LITHIUM ION SECONDARY  
BATTERY

Examiner: L. S. Weiner

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.